

TYCO 17921 (AT 20958-1029)
PATENT

Remarks

The Advisory Action mailed January 7, 2004 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are made in consequence thereof.

Claims 3, 5, 9, 12, 18 and 19 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-2, 4, 6-8, 10-11, and 13-17 have been canceled. Claims 3, 5, 9 and 12 have been amended. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define allowable subject matter.

Applicants note the allowance of claims 18 and 19 with appreciation.

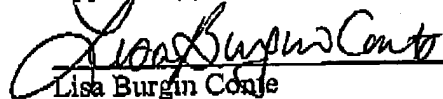
Applicants also note that the Examiner objected to claims 3, 5, 9, and 12 as dependent upon rejected base claims, however, found that the claims would be allowable if written in independent form including all the limitations of the base claims.

Even though as stated in Applicants' response to the previous Office Actions, Applicants continue to assert that claims 1-2, 4, 6-8, 10-11, and 13-17 define allowable subject matter, in order to expedite the allowance of the application, Applicants' have canceled claims 1-2, 4, 6-8, 10-11, and 13-17, and amended claims 3, 5, 9, and 12 as suggested by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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